

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3138
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SURVEY FOR SABARI RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted any survey to lay railway line to Sabari;
- (b) if so, the details along with its present status thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the new railway line is expected to be started/completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Angamali-Sabarimala new line project has already been included in the Budget 1997-98. However, it has been decided to terminate this line at Azutha, short of Reserve Forest Area, as the Forest Department had objected for passing the line through Reserve Forest Area and State Government had also recommended to stop this new line at Azutha.

Out of 516.42 hectare land required for the project, requisition for 470.86 hectare has been submitted to State Government. So far, 79 hectare land has been made available by the State Government. No target date of completion for the project has been fixed.